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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Central Florida, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, Assistant Professor  
2018-Present

## EDUCATION

University of Houston, PhD, Political Science, May 2018

Dissertation: *The Ties That Do Not Bind: Social Capital, Minority Female Representation, and Social Inequality in the United States*

Dissertation Chair: Professor Ling Zhu

Texas A&M University, B.A., Political Science, May 2012

Additional training:

- ICPSR, University of Michigan, Summer 2017 - Summer 2019
  - Teaching Assistant, *Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methods*, Summer 2017 - Summer 2018
  - Co-instructor, *Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methods II*, Summer 2019 - Summer 2020
- IDL 6543: Interactive Distributed Learning, University of Central Florida, Fall 2018
- *Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models*, University of Houston, Summer 2013 - Summer 2016

## PUBLICATIONS <sup>1</sup>

*Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters*

5. Kenicia Wright and Ling Zhu. "When Social Capital Becomes Political Capital: Understanding the Social Contexts of Minority Candidates' Electoral Success." (Forthcoming, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*)
4. Ling Zhu and Kenicia Wright. "Public Administration and Racial Disparities in Health and Health Care: Toward a New Health Inequality Research." Forthcoming chapter in *Race and Public Administration*, edited by Amanda Rutherford and Kenneth J. Meier. Routledge.
3. Kristen Carroll, Kenicia Wright, and Kenneth J. Meier. 2019. "Minority Public Administrators: Managing Organizational Demands While Acting as an Advocate". *American Review of Public Administration*. 49(7): 810-824.

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<sup>1</sup> Author with greatest contribution is listed first.

2. Jason Casellas and Kenicia Wright. 2017. "Electoral Reform and Minority Representation." In *Changing How America Votes* edited by Todd Donovan. pp. 113-125. Lanham, Maryland. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.
1. Ling Zhu and Kenicia Wright. 2016. "Why Do Americans Dislike Publicly Funded Health Care? Examining the Intersection of Race and Gender in the Ideological Context." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 4(4): 618-637.

#### *Encyclopedia Entries*

2. Jason Casellas and Kenicia Wright. 2018. "Political Representation, Coalitions, and Gender." *Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies*, New York: Oxford University Press.
1. Kenicia Wright. 2016. "Power and Minority Representation." In *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance* edited by Ali Farazmand. Springer International Publishing.

## WORKING PAPERS

1. Kenicia Wright. "Importance of the Health Care Provider: An Application of the Theory of Representative Bureaucracy in the Health Care Context." (Under Review)
2. Kenicia Wright. "Women Impacted Unequally: The Effect of Social Capital on Minority Female Representation in the US."
3. Kenicia Wright. "More like a Minority, a Woman, or a Mix of the Two? Reassessing "Women's Issues" Using the Intersectional Approach."
4. Kenicia Wright. "Beyond Bowling? How Social Identities Shape Social Capital Development."

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

#### *External Awards*

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, January 2019, \$500

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2018

#### *Internal Awards*

College of Science Research Dissemination and Travel Award, PI, March 2020, \$662

School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs/COS Research Support Grant, PI, November 2019, \$4,000

Department of Political Science/COS Research Support Grant, PI, November 2018, \$4,000

ORC Research Mentoring Opportunity (with Gunes Tezcur), University of Central Florida, 2018-2019

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Houston - College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, 2017-2018

Harrell Rodgers Graduate Student Travel Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association, 2017

Cullen Graduate Fellowship Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2016

Research Assistantship, University of Houston, Summer 2017

Research / Teaching Assistantship, University of Houston, 2012-2017

Carlos Cantu Research Fellow, Texas A&M University, 2014-2015

Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Houston, Department of Political Science, 2014-2016

## TEACHING

### COURSES TAUGHT

*University of Central Florida*

*Graduate Courses*

POS6736 Conduct of Political Inquiry (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

*Undergraduate Courses*

PUP3314 Minorities in American Politics (online: Summer 2019, face-to-face: Fall 2019), POS3703 Scope and Methods (Spring 2019, Spring 2020 (Research Intensive Designation)), PUP4323 Women and Public Policy (Spring 2019), POS3233 Public Opinion (Spring 2020)

*ICPSR, University of Michigan*

Race, Ethnicity and Quantitative Methods II (co-instructor, Summer 2019)

*University of Houston*

Houston Early Research Experience (HERE, Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 2018), POLS3314 Introduction to Public Administration (Undergraduate course, Co-instructor, Spring 2016)

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

*Undergraduate Students*

Chair, Enya Brackins, Honor's Undergraduate Thesis, Title TBD

Chair, Rebecca Jaffe, Honors in the Major, "Systematic Racism and Voting Rights"

Chair, Calissa Jones, Honors in the Major, "A Comparison of Abortion across Red and Blue States in the US"

Chair, Christina Portwine, Honors in the Major, "An Assessment of Views on Sexual Assault"

Chair, Saphronia Carson, Honors in the Major, "An Examination of Oppression Through Anti-Abortion Legislation", Defended Fall 2019

*MA Students*

Committee member, Devyn Escalanti, "In Sickness of in Health?: The Impact of Disease Burdens on the Likelihood of Violent Conflict", Joined committee in Summer 2019

Committee member, Tiffeni Russo, Title TBD, Joined committee in Summer 2020

Chair, Molly Ambrose, Non-thesis MA Graduate Research Paper, "A Study on the Relationship between the Undocumented Immigrant Population and Crime Rates in the US", Graduated Summer 2019

Committee member, Caitlyn Czech, Non-thesis MA Graduate Research Paper, "Cyber Terrorism: Public Perceptions of Threats and Security", Graduated Summer 2019

*PhD Students*

Advisory Dissertation Committee member, Jennifer Joel, Title TBD, Joined committee: Spring 2020

Advisory Dissertation Committee member, Kinnari Doke, Title TBD, Joined committee: Spring 2020

Dissertation Committee member, Sara Belligoni, "Politics of Emergency Management: How Political and Security Issues Influence Coordination during Emergency Response Operations", Dissertation Committee, Expected defense: Summer 2021

Dissertation Committee member, Douglas Namur, "The Role of State Identity in the Foreign Policy Decision-making of Brazil", Joined committee: Spring 2019

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- Kenicia Wright. ““Bad Girls” or Something Else? A Study of The Theory of Representative Bureaucracy and the Discipline of Female Students.” Accepted to the 2020 Public Management Research Conference, Honolulu, Hawai’i. June 2020.
- Kenicia Wright. Discussant, “Campaign Style, Strategy, and Success across Gender and Race” panel. 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2020.
- Kenicia Wright. “More like a Minority, a Woman, or a Mix of the Two? Reassessing “Women’s Issues” Using the Intersectional Approach.” Accepted to the 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2020.
- Kenicia Wright. “Women *Impacted* Unequally: The Affect of Social Capital on Minority Female Representation in the US.” Presented at the 10th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference African, African American, and Diaspora (AAAD), Harrisonburg, VA. February 2020.
- Kenicia Wright. “Who Cares Matters! How Social Capital and Female Bureaucrats Improve Health.” Presented at the 2019 American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC. August 2019.
- Kenicia Wright. “Who Cares Matters: Why (Minority) Female Health Bureaucrats are Key to Reducing Female Health Inequality in the US.” Presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2019.
- Kenicia Wright. “The Puzzle of the Over-Representation of Minority Women in State Legislatures.” Presented at the 2019 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX. January 2019.
- Kenicia Wright. “Substantive Representation? How Minority Female Representation Effects Health Care Inequality.” Presented at the 76th Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2018.
- Kenicia Wright. “What about Active Representation? The Effects of Minority Female Bureaucratic Representation on US Health Inequality.” Presented at the 2018 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.
- 2017 Women of Color in Political Science (WCPS) Workshop, Prelude to American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2017.
- Kristen Carroll, Kenicia Wright, Kiyadh Burt, and Kenneth J. Meier. “Black, White, and Shades of Gray: Minority Managerial Behavior and Organizational Context.” Presented at the 75th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2017.
- Kenicia Wright and Ling Zhu. “When Social Capital Becomes Political Capital: Understanding the Social Contexts of Minority Candidates’ Electoral Success in the American States.” Presented at the 75th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2017.
- Saba Siddiki, Ling Zhu, Shilpi Goel, and Kenicia Wright. “Designing Effective Policy: Evidence from a Longitudinal Study of School District Wellness Programs in Florida.” Presented at the 74th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2016.
- Devon Arnold and Kenicia Wright. “The Conditional Effects of Efficacy on Mobilization: An American Voter’s Perspective.” Presented at the 73rd Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2015.
- Andrea Eckelman and Kenicia Wright. “Crossing the Divide: The Intersection of Gender Roles and Ideology in Health Care Preferences.” Presented at the 2015 Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2015, and the 73rd Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2015.

Ling Zhu and Kenicia Wright. "Why Do Americans Dislike Public Healthcare?: Examining the Intersection of Race and Ideology in Healthcare Preferences." Presented at the 72nd Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2014.

#### *Invited Conferences*

American University Mini-conference on Race, Gender and Public Administration. Washington, D.C. May 21 and 22, 2020.

Conference on Gender Representation and Equity at the University of Houston. Houston, TX. May 7-8, 2020.

## Service

### PROFESSIONAL

- Discussant, "Campaign Style, Strategy, and Success across Gender and Race." 2020 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2020.
- Chair, "Representation at the Frontline: Local Policing and Enforcement." 2019 American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC. August 2019.
- Chair and Discussant, "Gender and Politics - Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" panel. 2019 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX. January 2019.
- Chair, "New Insights and Contexts: Public Administration" panel. 2019 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Austin, TX. January 2019.
- Discussant, 2018 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA. January 2018.
- Graduate Fellow, Scholars Strategy Network, Texas Chapter, 2017-2018
- Referee for *Politics, Groups, and Identities*
- Discussant, 75th Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2017.

### DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY

Committee member, MA Program and Planning committee, 2019 - Current

Committee member, Survey Research Ad Hoc committee, 2018 - Current

Committee member, Diversity committee, 2018 - Current

Faculty Mentor, Monitoring Advising Analytics to Promote Success (MAAPS), Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Committee member, Department Peer Evaluation committee (elected, Summer 2019)

Committee member, MA Student Success, Fall 2018 - Fall 2019

Discussant, Health Care Politics at the Crossroads, University of Houston, October 2017

Graduate Student Representative, Provost Office's Rockwell Lecture Series Oversight Committee, 2017-8

Graduate Student Mentor, University of Houston, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Vice-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Houston, 2014-2015

Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Houston, Fall 2013-Spring 2014